

REMARKS

It is noted that the Examiner has included claim 32 in both Groups I and II; however, claim 32 is drawn only to the use of a base and not a catalyst. Thus, Applicants infer that the Examiner intended claim 32 to be included only in Group II.

No new matter has been added by the amendments to the claims made herein.

Claim 41 has been amended herein to clarify that it depends from claim 32 and not claim 1 as claim 32 requires the use of a base.

Claims 100-123, as originally filed, were inadvertently mis-numbered (99 was skipped, claim 100 followed claim 98). The claims have been re-numbered herein, claims 99-122. Dependent claims 104-107, 110, 112, 113, 120 and 122 have been amended to correspond with the re-numbered claims; for example, claim 104 was amended to depend from claim 103.

Applicants herein elect, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-31) for prosecution on the merits. Claims 32-122 are withdrawn from consideration. It is understood that claims 32-122, drawn to the non-elected inventions (Groups II-IV), will remain pending, albeit withdrawn from consideration on the merits at this time. Applicants retain the right to present the non-elected claims, 32-122, in a divisional application, thus, claims 1-122 remain pending in the

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instant application.

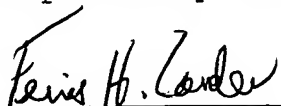
Applicants thank the Examiner for courtesies extended to Applicants' representative, Ferris H. Lander, in a telephone conference on April 13, 2006. Applicants' representative contacted the Examiner for clarification on the requirement for election of species (page 4 of the Office Action mailed on March 23, 2006). Per this discussion, Applicants herein elect, without traverse, cyclic monomers or comonomers, as the species for prosecution on the merits.

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CONCLUSION

Now that Applicants have fully responded to the Office Action mailed on March 23, 2006, an examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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